



By the King.



Whereas We are dayly informed by the Officers of Our Mint and otherwise, That aswell divers of Our naturall borne Subjects, both Goldsmithes, Merchants, and men of other Trades; As also Strangers inhabiting within this Our Realme of England, haue presumed for their private lucre and gaine, and dayly doe presume to weigh all sorts of Moneys currant within this Our Realme of England, to the end to cull out the old and new Moneys, which either by not weareing, or by any other accident in the making thereof are more weighty then the rest, Some part of which Moneys so culled out, Wee haue found (when it please) Our selfe to enter into the examination thereof) to be dayly openly sold to Goldsmithes, and by them employed for the making of Plate, and Vessell of all sorts within this our Realme of England; And some part to be Transported into forreine parts for private mens particular gaine, Wherby there is a great scarcitie of good Money likely to ensue, if present remedy be not provided for the same: Wee therefore in Our Prince-ly care intending with all convenient speed to redresse so great and insufferable a mischiefe, Doe by this Our Proclamation make knowne unto all men, that Our will and pleasure is, And Wee doe hereby straitly charge and command, That no Goldsmith, or other person or persons of what estate souuer he or they bee, (other then the Master and Officers of Our Mint, for the service and imployment thereof) presume or enterprise to melt any Moneys of Gold or Silver, being the proper Coynes of any Our Realmes or Dominion; or currant within the same, or any of them, either to make Plate or Vessell thereof, or for any other use whatsoeuer, or doe presume to cull or chuse out from the rest any Waighty Moneys, to the intent to convey the same out of the Realme, or to melt, or otherwise to alter it from Coyne, vpon paine of Our heauie displeasure, and of such paines and punishments, as vpon the contemners of Our Royall commandement, grounded vpon the publique good, may be inflicted.

Giuen at Our Mannour of Greenwich the eighteenth day of May, in the ninth yeere of Our Raigne
of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God save the King.

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